

Could You Not Keep Watch?

.Mark 14:32-42

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

WHO AM I? // WHO IS JESUS?





- Jesus has always been calm and collected; Mark says he was astonished and overwhelmed with horror
 - What is getting him like this?
- He sees the separation from the Father that is coming
- How many times have we failed to sit/stay with someone, to know what's needed?
 - Who needs it now; for you to sit with them and not slip into sleep?

Mark 14:36–39 (NASB)

36 And He was saying, "Abba! Father! All things are possible for You; remove this cup from Me; yet not what I will, but what You will." 37 And He came and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour? 38 Keep watching and praying that you may not come into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." 39 Again He went away and prayed, saying the same words.

- Jesus sweats drops of blood this night—why?
 - The cup of God's wrath
- Our sin is awful because it offends and separates us from God
 - It puts us as the object of God's wrath
 - Someone has to endure it—that's why Jesus says there's no other way

- Jesus is deeply committed to the souls of men—and they sleep
 - Are you asleep when Jesus would redeem you?
 - Are you praying for the mission of Christ in you and in all men?
- At the end of all Christian suffering is redemption—how does that change your suffering?

- Why does Jesus struggle here?
 - If he doesn't go, Satan/evil/death win
- Not a struggle with obedience—it's the sin and the loss of the presence of the Father
- Why does God want this to happen?
 - Romans 3:25
 - For God to show himself righteous and glorious (Romans 15:8-9)

- Why stay awake in dark times?
 - Because it's the proof of our relationship with God—that we pray and trust him even if!
- What do we do when people fail to stay with us?
 - We go back to the Garden and remember that Jesus died to be right with thees lazy knuckleheads
 - When you don't forgive, you maximize your self-centeredness and minimize Jesus' sacrificial love for them

Mark 14:40–42 (NASB)

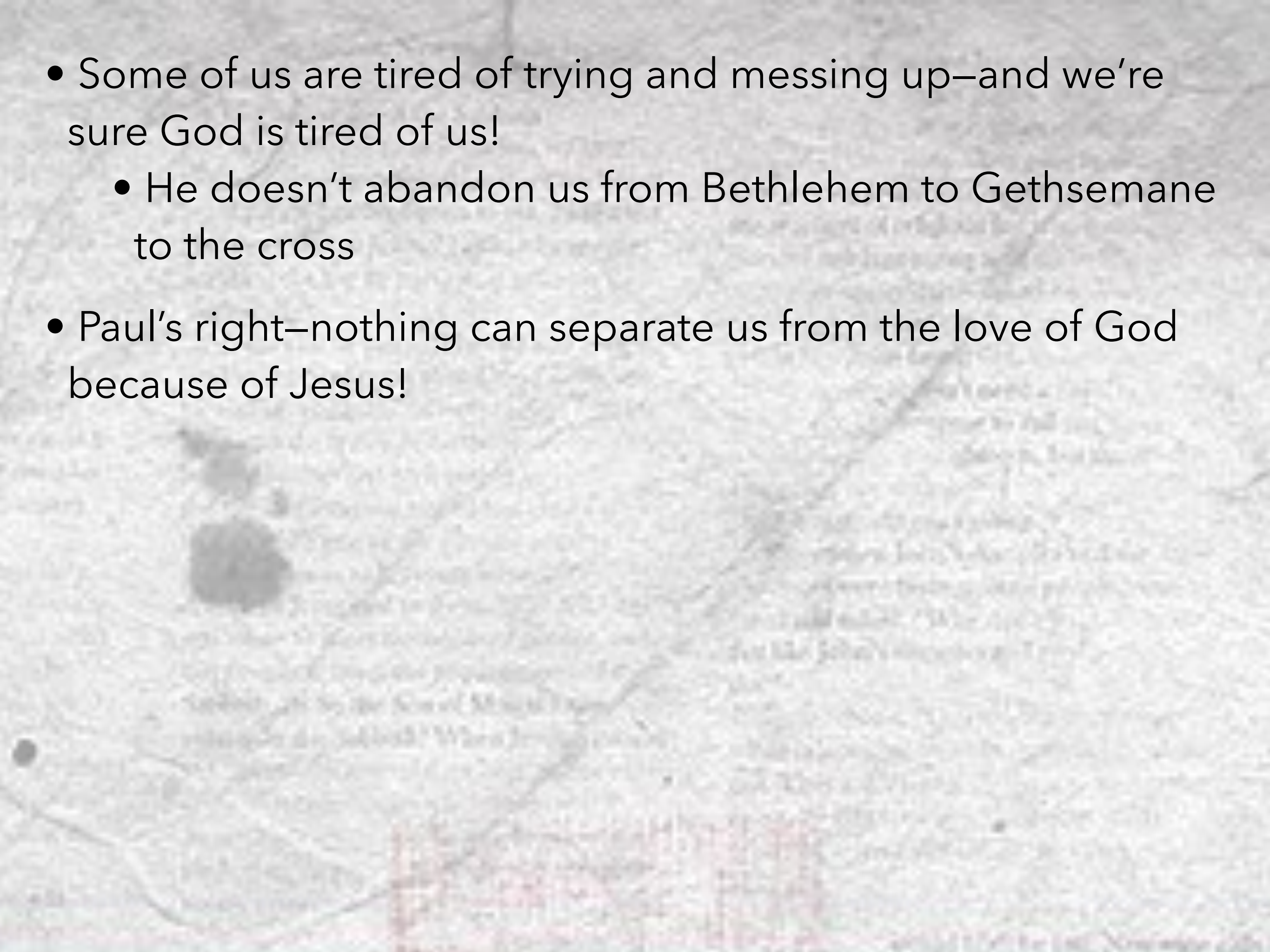
40 And again He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to answer Him.

41 And He came the third time, and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? It is enough; the hour has come; behold, the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners.

42 Get up, let us be going; behold, the one who betrays Me is at hand!"

- Jesus is committed to the best for his followers, even though they sleep to show us that Jesus
 1. Chooses us as we are
 2. Can't be stopped from loving us
 3. Is faithful no matter if we are or aren't
 4. To show us why Jesus died

- Christ faced all of this because he loved us
 - He sees the cup coming and drinks it to the bottom and says, "It is finished."
- Is God asleep while you suffer?
 - Jesus is working while you suffer and sleep!
- Feelings say, "God doesn't care"
- Gethsemane says, "Nothing will stop me from loving you and getting you to God"

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- Some of us are tired of trying and messing up—and we're sure God is tired of us!
 - He doesn't abandon us from Bethlehem to Gethsemane to the cross
 - Paul's right—nothing can separate us from the love of God because of Jesus!

- Why does Jesus ask this question?
 - To crush pride out of us
- Jesus endured so we can endure
 - We don't give up because Jesus drank the cup and that means our hope is secure, even when we are pressed by more and more weight